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The Honorable Todd Apo,
Chair and Members of the City Council
City and County of Honolulu
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Dear Chair and Councilmembers:

This is in support of the confirmation of Gordon Bruce's appointment to Director of the Department of Information Technology for the City and County of Honolulu.

I have known Gordon for many years and have worked with him during the period he served as the Director of Administration & Information Services with The Estate of James Campbell. Gordon is well known in the local IT community and is respected for his vision and skills in problem solving through direct and sensible approaches. He has consistently exhibited his knowledge and expertise in the various subject areas of information technology and administrative activities and has always conducted himself in a professional manner.

During his first term at the City and County of Honolulu, Gordon has undertaken an extensive effort to modernize the City's aging IT infrastructure. He has been able to upgrade or replace a number of computer systems critical to the everyday operations of the City. It was through his leadership and experience that the City was able to successfully implement such a large number of complex systems in such a short time frame.

Since his assumption of the Director's position, Gordon has accomplished more in his first four years than the City has done during the previous ten years. I believe that he is most qualified and best suited for the job and the best candidate to execute the mission for the Department of Information Technologies.

I respectfully encourage you to confirm Gordon Bruce's appointment.

Sincerely,

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